

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: June 7, 2011
POSITION: Neutral
SPONSOR: Orange County Transportation Authority

BILL NUMBER: AB 807
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BILL SUMMARY: Taxicab Transportation Services: Periodic Reports

This bill would allow local agencies that regulate taxicab services to have access to employer-maintained driving records of taxicab drivers.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Although the bill may increase the number of local jurisdictions that require taxicab employers to participate in the pull-notice program, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) estimates any additional costs to be minor and absorbable.

COMMENTS

Finance is neutral because the bill would provide local regulators with access to taxicab driver records and thereby provide additional safeguards to the traveling public. With access to the information from DMV's voluntary pull-notice program, the administrative agencies responsible for permitting taxicabs could act quickly to prevent drivers with unsafe driving habits or who lack a current license from continuing to transport passengers.

Existing law requires every city or county to adopt an ordinance or resolution establishing a policy governing how businesses enter into the taxicab transportation service business and how the jurisdiction will issue permits to taxicab drivers.

Existing law also establishes the employer pull-notice system, through which the DMV provides an employer of a driver with a report at least once a year that shows the driver's full driving record as well as notification of any subsequent actions taken against the driving privilege. Existing law requires employers of drivers of specified vehicles, such as commercial trucks, school buses, farm labor vehicles, and vehicles that transport hazardous materials, to participate in the pull-notice program. Other employers, including taxicab operators, may participate voluntarily. Although taxicab participation is voluntary at the state level, some local regulatory agencies may require participation as a condition for obtaining a local license.

This bill would require that the employer of a taxicab driver that participates in DMV's pull-notice program to make the reports available upon request to the local agency that regulates taxicab services.

According to the author's office, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) reports that some taxicab driver employers have refused to allow OCTA to review pull-notice reports on drivers. In response, OCTA has sponsored this bill.

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		SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)								
Code/Department		LA	(Dollars in Thousands)								
Agency or Revenue		CO	PROP								Fund
Type		RV	98	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	Code	
2740/DMV		SO	No	----- See Fiscal Summary -----						0044	
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>										
0044	Motor Vehicle Account, STF										